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| | | Group Art Unit: 1617 Examiner: Webman, Edward J. | | | | |
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| | | EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO: EL 999283605 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: March 25, 2005 | | | | |
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| | REPLY TI | RANSMITTAL LETTER | | | | |
| | A Preliminary Amendment. | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | A Reply Responsive to the Office | ce Action Dated October 25, 2004. | | | | |
| | A Reply Supplemental to the Pa | per filed . | | | | |
| | A Substitute Specification (page | es 1 -) in clean form. | | | | |
| | A substitute specification | n (pages 1 -) with markings. | | | | |
| | An Abstract is enclosed. | , | | | | |
| | replacement sheets of dra | awings are enclosed comprising figures . | | | | |
| | <u> </u> | ept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they not for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of mprising figure(s) is submitted herewith. | | | | |
| | Petition is hereby made to accer | ot drawing(s)/photograph(s) in this case | | | | |

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| | | Three (3) sets of color drawing(s)/photograph(s) and black and white photocopy that accurately depicts to the extent possible, the subject matter shown in the color drawing(s)/photograph(s), are enclosed, comprising figures . | | | |
| | | An amendment to the first paragraph in that portion of the Brief Description of the Drawings is also enclosed herewith advising that the patent contains a least one drawing/photograph in color. | | | |
| | A Ce | rtified Copy of each of the following applications: is enclosed. | | | |
| | An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed. | | | | |
| | Infor | mation Disclosure Statement. | | | |
| | | Attached Form 1449. | | | |
| | | A copy of each reference as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. | | | |
| | A Te | rminal Disclaimer is attached. | | | |
| | Appendices as follows: . | | | | |
| | Other | | | | |
| | No Additional Fee is Due. | | | | |
| \boxtimes | Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27. | | | | |
| | Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as . | | | | |
| | | application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office | | | |

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 | 84 (20 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$25 EACH | \$0 | \$50 EACH | \$ |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | 10 (3 MINIMUM) | 0 | \$100 EACH | \$0 | \$200 EACH | \$ |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT | | | ENDENT | \$180 | \$0 | \$360 | \$. |
| ☐ ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$60 | \$0 | \$120 | \$ |
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| ☐ THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$510 | \$0 | \$1020 | \$ |
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| ☐ FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME | | | | \$1080 | \$0 | \$2160 | \$ |
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| ☐ TERMINAL DISCLAIMER | | | \$65 | \$0 | \$130 | \$ | |
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| | Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of October 25, 2004 to and through March 25, 2005 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two months |

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The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to Deposit Account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

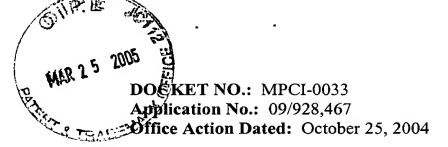
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Sir:

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116

| In res | In response to the Official Action dated October 25, 2004, reconsideration is | | | | | |
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| respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below: | | | | | | |
| | Amendments to the Specification begin on page | of this paper. | | | | |
| | Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the 1 begins on page 2 of this paper. | isting of the claims which | | | | |
| | Amendments to the Drawings begin on page an attached replacement sheet. | of this paper and include | | | | |
| \boxtimes | Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper. | | | | | |
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